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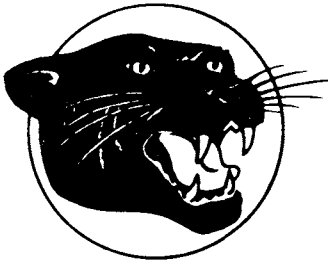
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CHARLESTON, IL-- Eastern Illinois University halfback Kevin Staple (Markham-Thornwood) and linebacker Reggie Taylor (Apopka, FL-Arizona Western) have been chosen the Mid-Continent Conference Offensive and Defensive 'Players of the Week'.

The two led their respective units to a 27-14 opening win over Illinois State.

Staple, a junior, rushed 24 times for 141 yards, his second highest single game total ever, and caught two passes for 21 yards.

Taylor, also just a junior starting his first game for the Panthers, was credited with 14 tackles including 10 solo tackles, two quarterback sacks and a tackle for loss.

"Reggie did a great job, particularly playing his first game for us," said segment coach Alonzo Lee. "As he learns more of our defensive concepts, we think he can become an even better player."

Staple's 141 yards boosted his career total to 1417, just two short of breaking into EIU's all-time top five.

His previous high game was 146, also in last year's opener at South Dakota.

"Kevin ran extremely hard and played with a lot of intensity. He also received some key blocks from his backfield buddy, Wes Nixon, and the entire offensive line so what occurred Saturday we hope will become standard operating procedure," said backfield coach Mike Williams.